

World Sailing
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Date: 11 April 2023

Location: Virtual via BlueJeans

Time: 10:00 UTC

<u>Present</u> 1. Qianhai Li – President 2. Philip Baum – Vice President 3. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 4. Sarah Kenny – Vice President 5. Cory Sertl – Vice President 6. Marcus Spillane – Vice President 7. Jo Aleh - Athletes Commission Chair	<u>In Attendance</u> 1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Nelia Smith – Director of International Relations and Brand
<u>1. Opening of the Meeting</u> a) President Opening Remarks The President welcomed the members of the Board and thanked them for arranging their diaries to attend the meeting. b) Apologies for absence Apologies was received from Vice Presidents Yann Rocherieux & Ozlem Akdurak. c) Matters Arising There were no matters arising.	
<u>2. International Relations & Brand</u> a) Annual Conference The Board noted a paper from the Director of International Relations and Brand and approved the recommendation for Malaga, Spain to be the 2023 host venue. The Board also approved a proposal for the 2024 – 2028 strategy and noted the possible venues based on interest expressed to date. This approval is now subject to next steps based on the WS Regulations	
<u>3. Events</u> a) RUS/BLR Protective Measures Further to the IOC's Executive Board guidance issued on 28 March 2023, which recommends to allow Russian or Belarusian athletes to return to international sports competitions at the sole discretion and in accordance with each IF's rules/statutes, the WS Board met to consider the following: 1. Whether to support the IOC guidance with regards to the readmission of Russian and Belarusian athletes in international competitions and/or events; to compete adhering to the IOC's Recommended Conditions of Participation, and the timing of any potential re-inclusion.	

Decision – The Board discussed and agreed in principle with the IOC’s Recommendation of reinclusion and the Conditions of Participation. Noting that the IOC has not considered the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the Board agreed that the Semaine Olympique Française (SOF) in April 2024 represents the earliest potential opportunity for the readmission of Russian and Belarusian athletes to international competitions or events. SOF, to be held in Hyères, France, is part of the Paris 2024 qualifying process

2. To establish the process and responsibility of determining neutrality of RUS/BLR athletes.

Decision – The Board determined that WS neither had the resource nor the knowledge to determine individual neutrality of RUS/BLR athletes. The Board hope that the IOC (and other stakeholders) would form an independent eligibility panel and look forward to continuing the close liaison with the IOC and passing on further information as it becomes available.

- b) Nationality Changes

The Board considered several nationality change requests from RUS/BLR athletes, under Regulation 19.15.

Decision – Based on non-compliance with Regulation 19.15, the Board declined the nationality change requests.

3. Any Other Business

- a) The Board discussed a letter received from the Ukrainian Sailing Federation.

Decision – The Executive Office will obtain the additional information required and update the Board to enable them to make a suitable decision on the subject.

There being no further items, the President closed the meeting